

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

**Honolulu, T. H.
December 11, 1957**

**FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C**

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office HONOLULU	Office of Origin HONOLULU	Date 6/19/58	Investigative Period 5/15,24;6/10,18/58
TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		Report made by LEO S. BRENNEISEN	Typed By: vap
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as salesman for The Osborne Company, working out of his home, Honolulu. On 2/10/58, wife gave birth to twin daughters. Informants have no information of any recent CP activity on the part of subject.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, T. H.

I. BACKGROUND

On June 10, 1958, Confidential Informant reported that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS continues to reside with his wife and children at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu. DAVIS is employed as a salesman by The Osborne Company but now operates out of his home rather than working from an office in Honolulu.

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On February 10, 1958, Executive, Commission on Subversive Activities, Territory of Hawaii,

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reported that subject's wife gave birth to twin daughters at Honolulu on [redacted]

II. EVIDENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

On May 15, 1958, Confidential Informant [redacted] subject, reported that DAVIS stopped writing his column for the "Honolulu Record" as a vacation break and to gain an opportunity to attempt to recoup his financial fortune rather than because of any ideological break with the Communist Party line or the editorial policy of the paper. Informant explained that in recent months the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) has indicated an intention of purchasing the "Honolulu Record" and subject still maintains that he hopes to resume work at the paper when this is accomplished. [redacted] reported that DAVIS continues to regularly frequent the premises of the "Honolulu Record" and, although he has no information concerning any recent Communist Party Front activity on the part of DAVIS, it is his opinion DAVIS is inactive in that regard only because of the nonexistence of any Front group in the Territory at present.

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On May 24, 1958, Confidential Informant [redacted] who was a member of the Communist Party prior and subsequent to World War II, reported he knew of no recent Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS; however, he stated that the Communist Party is now inactive in Hawaii. Informant related that subject continues to be friendly with former Honolulu Smith Act Defendants, and he has never heard any rumor to the effect that DAVIS might have defected from his former political leanings.

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A P P E N D I X

"HONOLULU RECORD"

In March of 1953 the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, Territory of Hawaii, reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record", its ownership, its editorial policy, and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

On June 2, 1958 [redacted] Executive of the above named commission, reported that the motivating force in the founding of the "Honolulu Record" in 1948 had been the Executive Board of the Communist Party. [redacted] pointed out that there had been no significant changes in the ownership of the newspaper during the last four years. [redacted] stated that the "Honolulu Record" continues to follow the Communist Party line but now takes a viewpoint less militant than that of their policy prior to 1955.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: 1/14/58

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

~~SECURITY MATTER - C~~

(cc - Honolulu) IS-C

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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME

ALIASES

NATIVE BORN NATURALIZED ALIEN

COMMUNIST SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM TAB FOR COMSAB RACE SEX

DATE OF BIRTH PLACE OF BIRTH

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

The Osborne Company - working from residence for out of his home,

2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, T. H.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: 6/19/58

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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(OO:Honolulu)

Enclosed are four copies of report of SA LEO S. BRENNWEISEN dated 6/19/58 at Honolulu, together with four copies of informant evaluation letter.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNWEISEN dated 12/11/57 at Honolulu.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY	FILE LOCATION
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- ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
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☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason) _____
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) informants have pointed out that DAVIS has always been vociferous in criticism of Government prosecution of Communists, and there appeared to be no likelihood he might cooperate with the FBI. Inasmuch as subject is also closely connected with the "Honolulu Record," it is believed the Bureau would receive adverse publicity if an attempt were made to interview him.
- ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
- ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) DAVIS was a regular columnist for the "Honolulu Record" until May, 1957, and has stated he intends to resume that activity in the future. He was active in the last Communist Party Front group, the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, which went out of existence in the fall of 1956. DAVIS also refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in November, 1956. DAVIS was a member of the Communist Party until it became inactive in 1952.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Honolulu, T. H.
June 19, 1958

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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Mr. Jackson

SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

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Director, FBI (100-328955)

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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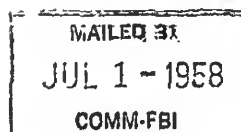
In view of the lack of subversive activity on the part of this subject and the inactivity of the Communist Party in Honolulu, it is believed desirable that this case be re-evaluated regarding Davis' key figure status.

In this regard Bureau desires that you also review all key figure cases in your office at this time and submit your recommendation in each case regarding whether the key figure status should remain in effect. Submit your recommendation under individual case caption within thirty days from date of this letter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: 7/11/58

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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(OO:Honolulu)

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Re report of SA LEO S. BRENNER dated 6/19/58
at Honolulu and Bulet to Honolulu 7/1/58.

As noted in the administrative letter forwarding copies of referenced Honolulu report, subject, until May, 1957, was a regular columnist for the "Honolulu Record" weekly newspaper, Communist Party dominated and controlled. He has stated that he intends to resume writing in the near future; however, his last identification as a member of the Communist Party was in 1952; his last activity with the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, a Communist Party front organization was in 1956; and he refused to testify before the U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in November, 1956.

There has been no reported Communist activity on the part of the subject since 1956.

Information received during the past year indicates that the Communist Party of Hawaii has continued in a dormant status and that there is no Communist activity on the part of any organized group or individuals. This information was reportedly verified as late as June, 1958.

It is also noted that the final edition of the "Honolulu Record" newspaper was dated 7/3/58, and the Honolulu Record Publishing Company, Ltd., has been sold to the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, which is to publish a weekly newspaper of its own, beginning in the Fall of 1958.

It is therefore recommended that FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS be deleted from the Key Figure list of the Honolulu Division.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		Report made by LEO S. BRENNEISEN	Typed By: EJG
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

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REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 6/19/58 at Honolulu

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INFORMANTS

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S. BRENNEISEN

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100-5082-533
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7/6/59, orally to This report
SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN

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7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
Informants have pointed out that DAVIS has always been vociferous in criticism of Government prosecution of Communists, and there appears to be no likelihood he might cooperate with the FBI.

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11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ His activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN Office: HONOLULU
Date: July 14, 1959
File Number: HN 100-5082; Bufile 100-328955
Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER-- C

Synopsis:

DAVIS now employed as salesman for Wright Company working out of his home, Honolulu. Informants have no information any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAIIALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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On July 7, 1959, [] reported that DAVIS and his family continue to reside at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu. DAVIS is no longer working for the Osborne Company but now is employed as an outside salesman for the Wright Company, Syracuse, New York. DAVIS works out of his home and does not have an office in Honolulu. The Wright Company carries a line of novelties and advertising media. DAVIS also uses the premises of the "Hawaiian Reporter" for receiving business messages and telephone calls during the day.

II. EVIDENCE OF ANY
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On August 13, 1958, [] who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party front activity in the Territory

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of Hawaii, reported that in a recent conversation with subject DAVIS had declared that there was absolutely no Communist activity in the Territory at the present time and he was of the opinion that there appeared to be no interest in re-vitalizing any civil rights group.

On November 14, 1958, [] further advised that DAVIS had stated that he had no plans to resume his writing for a newspaper. However, informant noted that on a trip to DAVIS's home about a week previous he had observed that subject was still receiving a great deal of material from the Federated Press and from the National Negro Press.

The Federated Press was cited as a Communist front by the Special House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 29, 1944.

On June 2, 1959, [] related that DAVIS, in discussing the "Hawaiian Reporter", a new weekly paper of Honolulu which was not then in publication, stated that he believed there was no possibility of his being employed as a columnist by the new paper. DAVIS stated that the top brass at the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union had called him a "haole (Caucasian) hater" and DAVIS was of the opinion that they did not desire an anti-haole columnist on the paper.

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On July 7, 1959, [] stated he had received no information of any Communist or Communist Party front activity on the part of DAVIS during the past year.

On July 6, 1959, [] former member of the Communist Party in Honolulu prior and subsequent to World War II, reported he had no information concerning any Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of DAVIS during the last year.

On July 9, 1959, [] Executive, Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, Territory of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contained no information concerning any subversive activities on the part of DAVIS during the last year.

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. HN 100-5082

Honolulu, Hawaii
July 14, 1959

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

J Salesman at Honolulu of Wright Company, Syracuse, New York.

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS _____

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Copy to:

Report of: SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN Office: HONOLULU
Date: 7/25/60
Field Office File No.: HN 100-5082 Bureau File No.: 100-328955
Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as a salesman working out of his Honolulu home. In December 1959 listed as one of the sponsors of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Honolulu informants have no information any recent CP or CP activity.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAIII. BACKGROUND

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On July 12, 1960, [] Credit Bureau of Hawaii, reported the files of her office reflected that subject is still residing at 2994 Kalihi Street and is working as a salesman. The credit files further indicate that DAVIS in January of 1959 obtained a Gross Income Tax License from the Territory of Hawaii to do business as the Paradise Paper Company. The credit files contain no further information concerning this company, and [] reported that available directories contain no listing for the company.

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On July 22, 1960, Honolulu [] reported that DAVIS and his family continue to reside at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu. Informant stated that DAVIS is still employed as an outside salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York. DAVIS does not maintain an office and works out of his home. In

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reference to the Paradise Paper Company, informant related that in addition to selling for the Wright Company, DAVIS has from time to time taken on several small lines in his sales work, but his primary occupation is still that of salesman for the Wright Company.

II. EVIDENCE OF ANY
COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

On December 24, 1959, Honolulu [] made available a copy of a booklet entitled "The Legacy of Abner Green," issued by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB), for the 27th National Conference which was held on December 19-20, 1959, at Hotel Belmont Plaza, 49th Street and Lexington Plaza, New York City.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On the inside of the booklet there was a program of conference events and a list of the names of the officers and sponsors of the ACPFB. Under the list of sponsors was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Honolulu.

On July 15, 1960, Honolulu [] a member of the Communist Party in Honolulu prior and subsequent to World War II, related that he has heard no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS. Informant pointed out that he has not heard DAVIS' name being mentioned recently by persons who are known to him as former members of the Communist Party in Honolulu.

On July 21, 1960, [] Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no information concerning any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of DAVIS. [] stated that he had recently interviewed [] who is organizing a local chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People in Honolulu. [] stated that DAVIS had evidenced some desire to become active in the organization, but his overtures were met with a rebuff because of his former connections with the Communist Party and front organizations in Honolulu.

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On December 1, 1959, [] related that during the previous week FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, in commenting on the "Hawaiian Reporter," a new weekly newspaper of Honolulu, had stated that he felt that the paper was a failure and that many of the subscribers who were interested in a progressive paper were not renewing their subscriptions. DAVIS commented he felt the "Hawaiian Reporter" was the nicest paper in the world and it was apparently not for anything or against anything. When DAVIS was questioned concerning the possibility of the old Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC) being reactivated, he related he was not interested in the subject at the present time and did not feel anybody else was interested. DAVIS stated that as far as progressive affairs were concerned, he had been warned on the Mainland prior to his departure to reside in Hawaii that he would get in a state of lethargy. DAVIS commented that he guessed that the people were right inasmuch as he believed all the individuals in Hawaii who were formerly connected with the progressive movement were in such a state. b2 b7D

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[] who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the State of Hawaii and is well acquainted with DAVIS, on July 22, 1960, reported he had received no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of subject.



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File No. 100-5082

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Honolulu, Hawaii
July 25, 1960

Title FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN
dated July 25, 1960 at Honolulu

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office HONOLULU	Office of Origin HONOLULU	Date 7/25/60	Investigative Period 5/23-7/22/60
TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		Report made by SA LEO S. BRENNERSEN	Typed By: vap
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNERSEN dated 7/14/59 at Honolulu.

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7/22/60, orally to Original source
SA LEO S. BRENNERSEN this report

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7/15/60, orally to Original source
SA LEO S. BRENNERSEN this report

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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

informants have pointed out that DAVIS has always been vociferous in criticism of Government prosecution of Communists, and there appears to be no likelihood he might cooperate with the FBI.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

DAVIS was a regular columnist for the "Honolulu Record" until May 1957. He was active in the last Communist Party front group, the Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, which went out of existence in the fall of 1956. DAVIS also refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in November 1956. DAVIS was a member of the Communist Party until it became inactive in 1952.

11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☐ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
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Copy to:

Report of: SA LEO S. BRENNENSEN
Date: 7/25/60

Office: HONOLULU

Field Office File No.: HN 100-5082

Bureau File No.: 100-328955

Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as a salesman working out of his Honolulu home. In December 1959 listed as one of the sponsors of American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Honolulu informants have no information any recent CP or CP activity.

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DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAIII. BACKGROUND

On July 12, 1960, [] Credit Bureau of Hawaii, reported the files of her office reflected that subject is still residing at 2994 Kalihi Street and is working as a salesman. The credit files further indicate that DAVIS in January of 1959 obtained a Gross Income Tax License from the Territory of Hawaii to do business as the Paradise Paper Company. The credit files contain no further information concerning this company, and [] reported that available directories contain no listing for the company.

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On July 22, 1960, Honolulu [] reported that DAVIS and his family continue to reside at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu. Informant stated that DAVIS is still employed as an outside salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York. DAVIS does not maintain an office and works out of his home. In

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reference to the Paradise Paper Company, informant related that in addition to selling for the Wright Company, DAVIS has from time to time taken on several small lines in his sales work, but his primary occupation is still that of salesman for the Wright Company.

**II. EVIDENCE OF ANY
COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY**

On December 24, 1959, Honolulu [] made available a copy of a booklet entitled "The Legacy of Abner Green," issued by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born (ACFPB), for the 27th National Conference which was held on December 19-20, 1959, at Hotel Belmont Plaza, 49th Street and Lexington Plaza, New York City.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On the inside of the booklet there was a program of conference events and a list of the names of the officers and sponsors of the ACPFB. Under the list of sponsors was FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, Honolulu.

On July 15, 1960, Honolulu [] a member of the Communist Party in Honolulu prior and subsequent to World War II, related that he has heard no information of any recent Communist Party or Communist Party activity on the part of DAVIS. Informant pointed out that he has not heard DAVIS' name being mentioned recently by persons who are known to him as former members of the Communist Party in Honolulu.

On July 21, 1960, [] Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no information concerning any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of DAVIS. [] stated that he had recently interviewed [] who is organizing a local chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People in Honolulu. [] stated that DAVIS had evidenced some desire to become active in the organization, but his overtures were met with a rebuff because of his former connections with the Communist Party and front organizations in Honolulu.

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On December 1, 1959, [] related that during the previous week FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, in commenting on the "Hawaiian Reporter," a new weekly newspaper of Honolulu, had stated that he felt that the paper was a failure and that many of the subscribers who were interested in a progressive paper were not renewing their subscriptions. DAVIS commented he felt the "Hawaiian Reporter" was the nicest paper in the world and it was apparently not for anything or against anything. When DAVIS was questioned concerning the possibility of the old Hawaii Civil Rights Congress (HCRC) being reactivated, he related he was not interested in the subject at the present time and did not feel anybody else was interested. DAVIS stated that as far as progressive affairs were concerned, he had been warned on the Mainland prior to his departure to reside in Hawaii that he would get in a state of lethargy. DAVIS commented that he guessed that the people were right inasmuch as he believed all the individuals in Hawaii who were formerly connected with the progressive movement were in such a state.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Honolulu, Hawaii
July 25, 1960

Title **FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS**

Character **SECURITY MATTER - C**

Reference **Report of SA LEO S. BRENNISEN
dated July 25, 1960 at Honolulu**

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office HONOLULU	Office of Origin HONOLULU	Date 7/31/61	Investigative Period 5/18 - 7/24/61
TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		Report made by SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN	Typed By: EJG
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 7/25/60 at Honolulu

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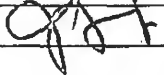
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6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

8. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) _____.
- ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) _____.

Informants have pointed out that DAVIS has always been vociferous in criticism of Government prosecution of Communists, and there appears to be no likelihood he might cooperate with the FBI.

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DAVIS was regular columnist for "Honolulu Record" until May 1957. He was active in the last CP front group, Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, which went out of existence in the fall of 1956. He refused to testify before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee 11/56. He was member CP, Honolulu, until Party became inactive 1952. Is still listed as sponsor ACPFB.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN Office: HONOLULU
Date: July 31, 1961
Field Office File No.: HN 100-5082 Bureau File No.: 100-328955
Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS employed as salesman working out of his Honolulu home. In December 1960 listed as one of sponsors for American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. Honolulu informants have no information any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity.

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DETAILS: At Honolulu, HawaiiALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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On June 29, 1961, [] reported that DAVIS still resides at 2994 Kalihi Street and works out of his home as a salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York.

II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

On December 16, 1960, [] made available a mimeographed letter from the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born containing the letterhead of the above organization and

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a list of the officers and sponsors. Among the sponsors was listed FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS.

The American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On July 18, 1961, [] who is familiar with some phases of past Communist Party front activity in Honolulu, reported he knew of no current Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on the part of DAVIS. Informant pointed out that DAVIS's wife is employed as a house to house salesman for Avon Products and works mostly in the evenings making house calls. As a result, subject is now forced to spend most of his evenings babysitting and has little opportunity to contact his former friends outside of working hours. According to [] DAVIS has recently praised the new government of Ghana and stated that he hopes eventually to emigrate to that country inasmuch as he feels he could contribute a great deal to the young republic.

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On July 18, 1961, [] a former member of the Communist Party prior and subsequent to World War II, reported that he rarely sees DAVIS in Honolulu and knows of no recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on his part.

On July 24, 1961, [] Consultant, Commission on Subversive Activities, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no pertinent information concerning DAVIS's activities during the last year.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No. HN 100-5082

Honolulu, Hawaii
July 31, 1961

Title FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN
dated 7/31/61 at Honolulu

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <i>dm</i> HONOLULU	OFFICE OF ORIGIN HONOLULU	DATE JUL 30 1962	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/6 - 27/62
TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		REPORT MADE BY LEO S. BRENNEISEN	TYPED BY jem
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM-C <i>posted</i>	

REFERENCE: Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, 7/31/61, Honolulu.

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7. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: LEO S. BRENNEISEN

Date: JUL 30 1952

Office: Honolulu

Field Office File No.: 100-5082

Bureau File No.: 100-328955

Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

DAVIS still employed as salesman, Honolulu. Sources at city have no information any recent CP or CP front activity.

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HN 100-5082

DETAILS: AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

I. BACKGROUND

On July 12, 1962, [] reported that DAVIS still resides at 2994 Kalihi Street, and works out of his home as a salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York. Informant reported that [] time to time, DAVIS also works as a free lance salesman for other Mainland business firms. b2 b7D

II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITY

On July 12, 1962, [] who has been closely associated with DAVIS for many years, reported that there is no indication that subject has changed any of his political beliefs but he knows of no CP or CP front activity on the part of DAVIS for several years. Informant pointed out that DAVIS had not been active in any front group activity since the old Hawaii Civil Rights Congress, disbanded in 1956. The Hawaii Civil Rights Congress was an affiliate of the Civil Rights Congress which was designated by the U.S. Attorney General, pursuant to Executive Order 10450. [] also pointed out that DAVIS ceased his writings along Communist lines in 1957, when the old "Honolulu Record" ceased publication, a characterization of which is appended hereto.

On July 22, 1962, [] a former member of the CP prior to and subsequent to World War II, reported he rarely sees DAVIS and knows of no CP or CP front activity on his part in recent years.

On July 27, 1962, [] Commission of Subversive Activities, Legislature, State of Hawaii, reported the files of his office contain no information concerning any activity on the part of subject in recent years. b6 b7C

A P P E N D I X

"HONOLULU RECORD"

In March of 1953 the Commission on Subversive Activities to the Legislature, Territory of Hawaii, reported that the origin and purpose of the "Honolulu Record," its ownership, its editorial policy, and the character of its personnel led the Commission to the inescapable conclusion that it is the journalistic mouthpiece of the Communist Party in the Territory of Hawaii.

On May 18, 1959 [redacted] Executive of the above-named Commission, reported that the motivating force in the founding of the "Honolulu Record" in 1948 had been the Executive Board of the Communist Party. [redacted] pointed out that the "Honolulu Record" had continued to follow the Communist Party line up until the time they discontinued publication on July 3, 1958, but since 1955 the publication had taken a much less militant viewpoint than previously. b6 b7C



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Honolulu 12, Hawaii

JUL 30 1962

Title	FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
Character	SECURITY MATTER - C
Reference	Report of SA LEO S. BRENNENSEN, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

August 15, 1962

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Director, FBI (100-328955) - 58

1 - Mr. Pettit

FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Subject is a Negro male, 56 years of age, who has been employed most of his life as a reporter. He was a Communist Party (CP) member in Chicago from 1945 until 1948 when he moved to Hawaii. He was very active in the Party there until Party activity as such ceased in 1952. He was active in front groups in a leadership capacity until such front groups became inactive in 1956. When questioned before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956, Davis took the Fifth Amendment.

He wrote a column which constantly followed the CP line in the now defunct "Honolulu Record" until 1957. In 1958 he frequented the premises of this newspaper. He contributed to "The Worker" prior to 1956.

He was listed as a sponsor for the 27th National Conference of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born in December, 1960.

In 1957 he championed the policies of Soviet Russia.

His name is being retained on the Security Index at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: JUL 30 1962

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
SM-C

Included as enclosures, 4 copies of report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN, concerning above captioned subject.

Review of instant file reflects FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS, a Negro male, was active in the CP in Chicago prior to coming to Hawaii in 1948. Shortly after his arrival in Hawaii, both he and his wife [redacted] became active in the CP and continued that membership until at least 1952. Thereafter, the Party in Hawaii ceased operations. DAVIS, during the late 1940s and early 1950s, was active in several CP front groups and was the columnist in the old communist line "Honolulu Record", a weekly newspaper of Honolulu, which ceased existence in 1957. Since that time, there has been little pertinent activity on the part of DAVIS. The last front group to operate in Hawaii ceased existence in the fall of 1956. In late 1956, DAVIS refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee holding hearings in Honolulu. In December, 1960, his name was listed on material distributed on the Mainland as one of the sponsors for the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. However, this organization has not been active in Hawaii and there is no indication that DAVIS has done other than lend his name to that organization.

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Due to the inactivity of DAVIS over a lengthy period of time, it is felt he does not presently fit the criteria for the Security Index. It is therefore recommended that he be deleted from the Security Index of the Honolulu Division. In the event, he is deleted, he will be placed on the Reserve Index B.

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1 - Mr. Higgins
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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
SECURITY MATTER - C

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By letter dated April 17, 1963, the Department advised that the subject's name should be removed from the Security Index. This action has been taken at the Bureau and similar action should be taken with respect to the card maintained in your office.

It is noted that the last report in this case was submitted on July 30, 1962. This case should be reopened and your investigation brought up to date. The results of your investigation should be submitted in report form suitable for dissemination, at which time, if warranted, you should submit your recommendation as to whether subject should be included in the Security Index.

A review of the file in this matter reveals that subject has never been interviewed concerning his subversive activities. It is felt that he should be interviewed at this time. Unless you are in possession of information to indicate otherwise, the interview should be conducted in connection with your current investigation of him.

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NOTE: Subject, a Negro, was active in the Communist Party in the Chicago area prior to taking up residence in Hawaii in 1948. In Hawaii subject was active in the Communist Party and continued his membership until 1952, about the time that Communist Party activities in Hawaii ceased. During early 1950's subject was a columnist in the old communist line "Honolulu Record," a weekly newspaper which ceased to exist in 1957. Subject refused to testify before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in Honolulu in 1956. Currently employed as a salesman for a New York company.

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to : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: April 17 1963

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General, Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY DETENTION PROGRAM

Security Index card cancelled

Re: Frank Marshall Davis

FBI#: 100-328955

100-398030

Reports of investigation of the above have been reviewed

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It has been determined that subject's name should be

☐ retained on security index; ☒ removed from security index.

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Memorandum

From *70* : SAC, Honolulu

(Your file 100-5082) DATE: 6/25/63

To *70* : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-328955 ser 59)
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SAC, Honolulu (100-5082)

July 8, 1963

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FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet 6/27/63 requesting an extension of authority to interview captioned subject. Authority is granted for an extension of time in order that you may interview the subject, the results of which should be submitted in report form.

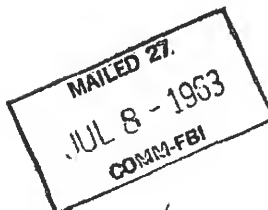
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NOTE:

Subject's name was removed from the Security Index by Department letter dated 4/17/63. Subject, a Negro, was active in the Communist Party in Chicago area prior to taking up residence in Hawaii in 1948. In Hawaii subject was active in the Communist Party continuing his activities therein until 1952 when Communist Party activities in Hawaii ceased. Subject refused to testify before Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956. He is currently employed as a salesman for a New York company. Honolulu desires extension of time in order to interview subject away from residence and in secure place. Honolulu originally received authority to interview subject by Bulet 4/23/63.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

DATE: 6/27/63

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

SUBJECT: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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ReBulet 4/23/63, advising this office to interview subject. DAVIS continues to reside at 2994 Kalihi Street, Honolulu and remains employed as a salesman working out of his home. Recently, contact with security informants of this office gave no indication of any recent subversive activities on the part of DAVIS. Spot checks of DAVIS' home indicates his goings and comings are irregular and to date, when he has been observed by an Agent away from his home, another Bureau Agent has not been present. Due to the fact that DAVIS' wife was also a subject of a security investigation by this office, Bureau permission is not being requested to attempt to contact him at his home.

It is requested that Bureau authorization to interview DAVIS be extended for an additional 45 days. Upon receipt of that authorization, two Agents will surveil his home until he departs in order that a discreet contact might be had with subject.

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Date: 8/22/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-328955)

FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (100-5082)

RE: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS
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ReBulet 7/8/63 granting an extension of time within which to interview DAVIS.

Subject was contacted by SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN away from his home on 8/2/63. Another Agent observed the contact. DAVIS appeared to be friendly and stated he believed he would be willing to furnish his observations to questions we might ask him. However, he claimed he had no time for an interview and requested that he be contacted by telephone to set up an appointment.

DAVIS was telephonically contacted thereafter several times and did not agree to a definite appointment until 8/22/63, when he advised he would meet Agents in Kapiolani Park, Honolulu, at 11:30 a.m. 8/26/63.

Although the 45-day period will have expired, UACB subject will be contacted by Agents at that time.

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TITLE OF CASE FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS		REPORT MADE BY LEO S. BRENNEISEN	TYPED BY mak
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REFERENCE:

Report of SA LEO S. BRENNEISEN dated 7/30/62 at Honolulu.
Bureau letter to Honolulu dated 4/23/63.
Honolulu airtel to Bureau dated 8/22/63.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is not felt that DAVIS fits either the criteria for the Security Index or the Reserve Index - A. He is being placed on Reserve Index - B of this Office. No attempt is being made to further interview DAVIS because it is believed that he would not be amenable to being developed as a Security Informant at this time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: LEO S. BRENNEISEN
Date: 9/9/63

Office: HONOLULU

Field Office File No.: HN 100-5082 Bureau File No.: 100-328955

Title: FRANK MARSHALL DAVIS

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject still employed as Salesman, Honolulu. Honolulu sources have no information any recent Communist Party or Communist Party front activity on part of DAVIS. On interview 8/26/63, DAVIS declared Communist Party of Hawaii out of existence since 1955 or 1956, but he refused to go on record he was CP member. Subject states his association with many radical groups in the past was motivated by his fight for racial equality rather than international politics.

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DETAILS:

AT HONOLULU, HAWAII

I. BACKGROUND

On September 5, 1963, [] reported that DAVIS still resides at 2994 Kalihi Street with his wife and four children. DAVIS is a Salesman for the Wright Company of Syracuse, New York, working out of his home. He handles mainly advertising specialties. He also works as a free-lance salesman for other Mainland business firms.

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II. EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) ACTIVITY

On August 2, 1963, DAVIS was contacted on Waikamilo Road and was asked if he was willing to be interviewed by FBI Agents. DAVIS claimed he had no time for an interview that date but believed he would be willing to furnish his observations to questions that might be put to him. He requested that he be contacted the following week to set up an appointment.

It was not until August 26, 1963, when DAVIS agreed to a definite appointment and met SA's ROBERT F. RYAN and LEO S. BRENNISEN in Kapiolani Park, Honolulu. At the start of the interview DAVIS stated that since first being contacted by the FBI, he had come to the opinion that little could be gained from the interview and he did not see where it would be to his advantage to talk to Agents.

He was asked specifically if he was a member of the Communist Party. He stated that as far as he knew, there was no Communist Party in existence in Hawaii. He was next asked why and when he had broken with the Communist Party. DAVIS then went on at length to state that he had never gone on record as having been a member of the Communist Party, and he, therefore, did not see what could be gained by answering that question.

DAVIS related that he had been associated with a large number of radical organizations in the past, and he had been motivated solely by his fight for racial equality. He took the position that he would "consort with the devil to gain his ends," and his end was the fight against racial discrimination. DAVIS related that he had been born and

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reared as a child in Arkansas City, Kansas, where there was a great deal of discrimination against the Negro. After attending high school in Arkansas City, he went to Friends University and later to Kansas State, where he also encountered discrimination. DAVIS pointed out that he was unable to go out for athletics at Kansas State because of a gentlemen's agreement in the conference. After college, he went to Atlanta, Georgia, where he edited a newspaper for some three years and, of course, ran into a terrific amount of discrimination. DAVIS stated that at the time he was in Atlanta, Georgia, the famous [redacted] case arose. This was also the time of the [redacted] case, where the State of Georgia asked a death penalty for a Negro who had led a hunger march on Atlanta. DAVIS related that [redacted] had been defended by BEN DAVIS, JR., and he became acquainted with BEN DAVIS, JR. He stated that the Communist Party had aided the defense in both the [redacted] and the [redacted] cases.

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Subject stated that in the middle 1930's he left Atlanta for Chicago, where he continued in the newspaper field and was employed by the Associated Negro Press. DAVIS stated that on departing from Georgia, he vowed that he would never again live in the Deep South and undergo such racial antagonism.

DAVIS then went on to state that individual Negroes react differently to stimuli of racial discrimination. He points out that a large number of his race cowed by discrimination live only for today while another group lose themselves in religion. He stated that many Negroes attempt to emulate the white man while he, himself, chose to fight discrimination, seeking aid from any side, even radical groups.

DAVIS related that at the Associated Press he was in contact with [redacted] another official of that company. DAVIS claimed that [redacted] had chosen to attack the Negro problem from the conservative side while he had worked the other side of the street. DAVIS stated that [redacted] had also been a Government appointee and in 1948 was released from his Government position. DAVIS stated that [redacted] had been accused of associating with many radical groups, and he believed these accusations had been entirely unfounded and [redacted] had merely been accused of activities participated in by DAVIS.

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In discussing the Negro problem, DAVIS stated he was aware that in Chicago many of the wealthier Negroes, who were looked upon as conservatives, in reality had contributed

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money to the Communist Party. They had explained their actions by stating that if the white man was against the Communist Party, they were for it.

DAVIS was reminded that at the time of the hearings held by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in Honolulu in 1956, he had written in his newspaper column the fact that the Communist Party was out of existence at that time. DAVIS replied that he did not recall whose authority he had based the statement on, but to the best of his knowledge, the Communist Party in Hawaii had gone out of existence in 1955 or maybe in early 1956.

In commenting on the hearings in Honolulu in 1956, DAVIS claimed that Senator EASTLAND of Mississippi had aroused a great deal of feeling among Honolulu Negroes on his visit to Hawaii. DAVIS stated that a certain group of Negroes in town at that time had talked of plans to waylay EASTLAND. He reiterated that this group of Negroes were definitely not Communist and were the type of individuals who would not have known a Communist from an anti-Communist.

In commenting on the march on Washington, DAVIS stated that if he were on the Mainland, he would, of course, hoped to have taken a very active part in the project. He stated he hoped the march was handled correctly and that something could be accomplished by it. He stated he believed that the danger existed that some "radicals" would incite violence and in the end hurt the Negroes' fight for equality. DAVIS stated he is of the personal opinion that the Negro is never going to obtain anything without someone of his race pushing for it. He stated it was his personal opinion that the march on Washington in 1939 had forced former President ROOSEVELT to push the enactment of the Fair Employment Practice Act.

DAVIS was then asked that leaving aside the Communist Party backing of the Negro in his battle for equality, would he care to comment on their stand on international politics. DAVIS stated that he was not an authority for international politics, and his main fight had been for Negro rights, and any association he had had in the past with radical groups was based upon his desire to aid the Negro in his fight against discrimination rather than following a certain line in international politics.

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DAVIS, in commenting on the Muslims, stated that he, of course, felt that the organization, although growing in power, was approaching the problem from the wrong side and was almost ridiculous. He stated he believed that during the last decade, a new group had arisen almost every five years advocating ideas espoused by the Muslims. DAVIS stated that when he was in Chicago, he had been aware that Muslims were in existence on the South Side in the 1930's.

DAVIS concluded by stating that he is still residing at 2994 Kalihi Street with his wife and four children and works as a salesman out of his home.

The following sources, who are familiar with some phases of past Communist Party and Communist Party front activity, reported they knew of no such recent activity on part of subject:

[redacted] contacted September 5, 1963
[redacted] contacted August 26, 1963
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September 9, 1963

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Reference Report of Special Agent LEO S.
BRENNER dated September 9,
1963, at Honolulu.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced
communication have furnished reliable information in the past.